LIFEWAY FOODS INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMOLYANSKY JULIE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431 W. OAKTON ST.

(Street)

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/17/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock, no par value								499,262	D	
Common stock, no par value								15,720	I	See Footnote (1)
Common stock, no par value								2,886	I	See Footnote (2)
Common stock, no								500,000	I	See Footnote

par value (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	$ 0	08/17/2016		A		9,407		(4)	08/17/2017	Common Stock	9,407

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMOLYANSKY JULIE C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 W. OAKTON ST. MORTON GROVE, IL 60053	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

By: /s/ Julie Smolyansky	08/19/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

****** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Held for the benefit of minor children.

(2) Held by the Reporting Person's spouse.

(3)

The reporting person is the beneficial owner of 50% of Smolyansky Holding LLC and disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

(4) The performance-based shares vest one year from the vesting commencement date of August 17, 2016, subject to the individual continuing to provide services to the company through the vesting date.

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